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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" May I know, Sir, why the appointment of a Commissioner to this municipality was delayed till the last month?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" If the hon. Member will please refer to the answer to clause (*e*), he will find out the reason."

Reversion of the hands lent by the Revenue Department for employment as Commissioners of Municipalities.

* 354 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the men lent from the Revenue Department who are working as Commissioners in the several municipalities are to be reverted to their regular departments after their three years' service in the Local Self-Government;

(*b*) if the answer to the above be in the affirmative, how the Government propose to fill up the vacant posts of the Commissioners; and

(*c*) whether there are any Municipalities which have expressed their discontent with their Commissioners in the open Council meetings?

A.—(*a*) No, unless the officers are not suitable for reappointment as Commissioners or unless they prefer to revert to their regular line after the expiry of their term of appointment as Commissioners.

(*b*) In case of any reversions, it is open to Government to fill the resulting vacancies by the appointment of persons who are in active Government, Municipal or Local Fund service—*vide* section 12-C (8) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Inter-district transfer of teachers of high schools maintained by district boards and municipalities.

* 355 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many transfers of teachers the Government have made since the passing of Madras Act IV of 1935 which provided inter-district transfers among the teachers of high schools (district boards and municipalities);

(*b*) whether the Government have received any requests for such transfers from the presidents of district boards, chairmen of municipalities or teachers;

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(*c*) if so, how many; and

(*d*) what orders have been passed by Government thereon?

A.—(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) & (*c*) Yes. One from the Headmaster, Municipal High School, Pollachi.

(*d*) The applicant was told to address the President, District Board concerned, direct.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I know why the applicant should be told that he should apply to the district board president direct, when the Government themselves have got the power of transferring teachers?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"Generally these transfers are made in consultation with the local boards concerned. Before a mutual transfer is made, it is usual to consult both the boards."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Is it not necessary that the Government should forward the application themselves instead of the applicant applying directly to the district board?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I think it amounts to the same thing."

Agriculture

Protests against the introduction of the Cotton Pest Act in Pollachi taluk.

* 356 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received from the people of Pollachi taluk, protesting against the extension of the Cotton Pest Act to certain of their parts where the Act was not till then introduced or extended; and

(*b*) what action was taken on them and how they have been disposed of?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Memorials were received by Government from ryots in certain villages in this taluk. The date fixed for pulling out the cotton plants has been extended by Government from the 1st September 1935 to the 21st October 1935 as a special case in the villages of Vettaikaranpudur, Kaliyapuram, Kottur-Malayandipatnam, Angalakkurichi and Toraiyur and portions of Odaiyakulam and Periyapadu villages. The question whether it is necessary to exclude these villages from the area to which the Pest Act is applied is under further consideration.